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c. An ORACID report to KUTWIL dated 23 June 1944 transmitting a copy in translation of a memo written by FABRY in Madrid on 2 May 1944 concerning the internal situation in France, is summarized below.

Vichy - The Vichy government has lost prestige but PETAIN still retains great personal authority and legal power remains unquestionably in the hands.

de Gaulle - There exists in Algeria the Committee of Liberation which is a mere imitation of a democratic regime behind which are the disordered and personal ambitions of de GAULLE and the very well motivated ambition of the Soviets.

de Gaulle France - The de Gaulle organization has a very seriously conceived swing because it is based on the Communist organization and is, in fact, absorbed by the latter.

Internal Situation - FABRY discusses the threat of Soviet domination in France and says that the de Gaulle government should not be allowed to set foot in France in the wake of the Allied military operations.

Conclusions - It is therefore evident that any immediate landing would place us in the presence of a void (the Americans and ourselves).

d. In the memo FABRY was mentioned in 2c above and concerning the situation in Metropolitan France, FABRY says:

"The report handed to the Ambassador and founded on extremely searching documentation whose authenticity I can guarantee shows how dangerous an error it would be to underestimate the power of an organization to which the war effort and the military successes of Russia give an irresistible élan."

From this it would appear that FABRY may actually have known that the material was prepared by the Germans. There is no evidence at Headquarters whether any papers were actually turned over to STEFFENS or Ambassador HAYES. Although there may exist in the annals of ORACID archives further information concerning FABRY's visit to Madrid and any papers he may have turned over to a representative of the embassy, we do not plan to make an inquiry on this matter unless specifically requested to do so by you.

3. FABRY is described in a cable from Bern of June 1944 as "a member of that group of parliamentarians who, using a study bureau with offices on Avenue Victor Emmanuel III as a cover, have joined together various journalistic and literary elements of the parliamentary faction. BOUCHER is the president, he was deputy des Vosges and a former Cagoulard; BERNOLST-LECHAIN and MONTIGNY are included among the associates. Although it is not probable, the group asserts they have organized about forty parliamentarians. In any case, the Nazis direct this group and employ it in attaining their political objective."

4. Information on Otto Friedrich BACH and Robert IFFER will be covered in a separate dispatch.

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